

As-Shifa Qadi Iyad notes
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The practice of reading As-Shifa has continued in many cities of Islam from Morocco onwards

It would be recited as a whole during the month of Rabi Al-Awwal/ the first spring

We can attain a special connection with those who have passed things to scholars

We should get to know him (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) by studying this book

The title explains the rights we owe him (The cure by describing the rights of the Chosen one (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him))

Adab (etiquette) is one of the most important ways of progress on a spiritual journey

Imam Qarafi said the proportion of adab to good deeds should be like floor to salt.

A sprinkle of salt is all flour needs

When we compare them both the Adab must be more than the floor

As in the hadith, "I was only sent to perfect noble character."

Prayer is supposed to improve (us)

There is a hadith that states that an action done with softness is rewarded much more

We are in a society that does not value Adab

It is an "I" society not an "us"

Imam Shadhali said anyone who humbles themselves for Allah Subhanu wa ta'ala; Allah elevates them

Hassan and Hussain rode the back of the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him)

One of the companions saw the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) kiss children and asked, "Do you kiss children? I have ten children and I do not kiss any of them."

The Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) said, "If you do not show mercy; how can you expect mercy."

The highest level of adab is with Allah – manifest by belief

No one can have adab with Allah without believing in him

According to his righteous actions

He has mercy – we should strive to attain mercy

The mercy that encompassing everything

One should strive to develop these within ourselves

There was a man who pronounced the name of Allah and became a scholar. Why? Because of Adab with Allah

Adab with the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) are of different levels – first it is belief in him

Strive to follow the Sunna – fill our lives as much as one is able to

Its verb to follow in Arabic إمتثال goes beyond following

There was a woman who came to the Prophet's grave (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) after he had died and when she saw it, she cried until she expired

Our attachment to him (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) leads us to Allah (mighty and majestic)

Adab with parents – be extremely mindful – this is rare

Never cause displeasure in their hearts

Adab with the Sheikh is because they are our spiritual leader – they take us to Allah

Imam Shadhali said it is a sign of Allah loves you' if he puts you in the company of a pious sheikh

Blessings can come into our lives through the Sheikh

Sheikh Muhammad Al-Yaqoubi

We have studied his description previously now we are studying his station

If anyone here is sick make an intention to recover from the blessing of this book

We have a lot of diseases in our hearts

This shows our ignorance towards him

The author was the greatest scholar of his time born in Spain and buried in morocco

This book guides us

The key to our success is him (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him)

We praise him because he deserves praise

One of the most important duties is to believe in him (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him)

His intelligence was a divine gift

He did not take knowledge from people like some accuse him of taking some by spending a few minutes in the south of Syria

No one is more learned than him, before or after

Inheritance means that knowledge has passed on

He (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) said, "The scholars are the inheritors of the Prophets."

This means that the knowledge that scholars have is inherited from him (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him)

Adam (upon him peace) was given the names of everything

Then he showed the angels the things and they asked him for the names

If you have been tested in your life and you are a believer in Allah then it is a sign of love

There are people who are pulled towards paradise, with chains

The chains are calamities

Marifah (gnosis) is the highest of all pleasures

People have different levels

The best of all knowledge is Marifah

The isra and miraj was when his servant was given a gift as he had perfected slave hood

No one else can ascend to the levels that he did

To be thankful, to thank him is a new bounty that you have to be thankful for

We cannot thank him enough

We do not deserve mercy

If you come to Allah with humility then you are entitled to charity but if you claim anything then you will not be given anything

You prepare for the class by making prayers upon him and increasing your love

Qadi Iyad has his own chains of authority in the six books of hadith

Our lives are our capital and we must use it for the afterlife

Mind your own business? Your business is your afterlife

P.3 the only one who knows him is the one created him

Like no one can know a watch similar to a watch maker

This is a subject that is not finished

New knowledge is being written everyday

Allah gives us – in our ability to worship

His (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) look would make you the best of humanity

If he turned away from us in a dream we would not be able to forget it

The grand intercession illustrates his rank in front of other prophets (upon them peace)

If you want Allah to love you then follow him (as in the ayah family of Imran 31)

There are no polytheists in our nation

We have no conversion in this time because we are putting our resources in the wrong places

Being unlettered was his miracle

Supporting him is our responsibility in every time

Abdullah ibn Amr ibn al-As said, "I used to write down everything he uttered. Until some of the Quresh prohibited me; then I mentioned it the Messenger of Allah. He said, "Write down everything, by the one who sent me with the truth; nothing comes out of this except the truth." (He pointed to his mouth)

Day two session one

He feared the results of their actions for themselves – he wanted them all to be guided

They did not attack his personality but they attacked his message

They could not attack his character

Every life span is a vessel that can be filled with good or bad deeds

See first line of Sura mulk

Can you look at a tree without seeing its leaves? A believer is like this with good works

Satan tries to tire out new Muslims – (just) maintain regular worship

Sura Yasin heals/cures the state that you intend

Zero is not a number in Arabic, neither is one; two is the beginning of numbers

Fiqh al-Akbar states that Allah is one but not in a numerical sense

Arabic is a divine language

All Prophets (upon them peace) are addressed as ya then their name.

The Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) is mentioned as ya yahu Nabi or addressed in another manner, he is named four times but not addressed directly.

Imam As-Shadhali (may Allah show him mercy) stated that saying Allah on its own is the most powerful dhikr

The Qadari way is to say Ya Allah adding the evocative particle

The award contain secrets

Reciting Sura Qureshi gives security

Reciting As-Salam gives peace

Reciting Al-Hafiz gives security

Reciting the name Muhammad helps with anything

Maintaining prayers upon him cures many ailments

Houses are honoured more by what is in them

Like a jewel that is honoured by the place it is put in

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If you knew the gravity of the name of Allah; when someone asked you for a thousand pounds you would give it

Do not make oaths frequently

You can only make an oath on something serious in the deen

One of the signs of the people of piety is that they do not make oaths regularly

There are reasons why Allah made oaths in the Quran

See Sura Duha

We are given the reward of unanswered prayers in paradise

Yateem is a word for orphan

Yatam means a large jewel on a necklace

Allah has guaranteed your provision for tomorrow but has not tasked you about tomorrow's worship

In the verse in Sura Duha, "We shall give you that which you will be well pleased." They have commented that the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) would not be happy until all his followers would be in paradise

In Taj Al-Aroos Ibn Ata'illah says we should be a nation of gratitude not complaint

Our understanding is upside down

Early revelations noted instruments of writing: Iqra – read, noon – ink

The religion is based on knowledge

Your retirement policies are actions that you did during your youth and that you are old and are too ill to perform them. You are rewarded for them – this is the best retirement policy

The rewards of the nation are recorded for the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) and he gets the reward

An unceasing reward that continues until the end of time

Day two session two

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Realise the benefits of good manners

We need to achieve a sound heart

There are signs but few recognise

Knowing something is not enough

The place of intention is the heart

Sheikh Muhammad

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"Indeed you have excellent moral conduct."

'ala in the verse means something that is placed firmly on, placed firmly on good character

We should present the religion as it is, to non-Muslims

Not performing prayer is a major sin

And disbelief according to some Hanbali scholars

Someone gave the fatwa that it was permissible that a Muslim lady stayed with her non Muslim husband after converting. After he has rejected Islam

We do not twist the religion for the people

Tell them who is better God or a human being

Whenever we translate a text we interpret

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He is alive in his grave (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him)

Salamanders could live in fire

There are habitual causes for many things

There is rationale like half of two is one

He never committed sin

The body is an instrument, a vessel

The souls of the believers can hear and see

If your soul grows then it will have access to things that the body will not

People have to follow the people of the house

They are subject to legal rulings here but they will be forgiven on the day of judgement

One third of the Quran refers directly to him

The Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) has more right to us than our own selves

Ask yourself: is the Messenger (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) dearer to you than your children?

Not doing enough for him is its own punishment

Imam Al-Jazuli and Qadi Iyad were poisoned by the Jews

People do not honour the family of the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him)

When you observe the Sunna you will witness him without the people around you noticing

Chapter two

He has all the perfect virtues (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him)

He was born a perfect man

The description of his hair takes up twenty pages

Umm Anas (may Allah be pleased with her) collected his (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) sweat and placed it into a bottle. Then made perfume for it

What came out of him was pure

Umm Ayman was his milk mother

She drank his urine and she was never ill after that

If you are an intelligent man then don't eat a lot

A poor person is the one who fears lose and the wealthy person is the one who relies on Allah

Day three

Chapter ten

Good qualities are in the centre of two extremes

It's the middle way

Abdul-Aziz Ad-Dhagha was unlettered

You cannot be called generous just because you pay your zakat

If you never say no to anyone then Allah will never refuse you when you ask

A reward of a loan is seventeen times the reward of charity

Shyness is part of faith

One of the adabs of knocking on the door is to turn away after knocking because you may see something that you don't like

Sheikh Ibrahim (may Allah be pleased with him) never stretched his legs out only in sleep

Most conflicts are about supposed disrespect

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It is always better to respond with kindness

The Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) manifests the qualities that Allah states in his book

You need to respond to people with good adab

We can do this in our families

He used to make each one of his companions feel special

We only get barakah in our time when we give to Allah

Visit the ill and the infirm

How would it make you feel if someone visited you whilst you were ill?

Sheikh Faisal

The companions were so attached to him that count the hairs on his chin. They paid interest to the smallest detail

Imam As-Shadhali said, "Abstinence is having the world in your hand and not in your heart."

The most intelligent of people is the most abstinence

If you want to know what you care about then to what motivates you

The items of the world are just for the world

One moment in hell will make someone forget all the pleasures of the world

Sheikh Muhammad

Have you ever thought of inviting a non Muslim neighbour and speaking to them about Islam?

Best generosity is with guidance not wealth

There is no way to obey Allah without obeying the Messenger (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him)

You want Allah to mention you then you have to remember him

True following of him causes love from Allah

Sunna is a way to approach Allah

If someone says something that is innovation then you have to come with a specific proof against it

King Fahad has a museum

Imam Malik goes against authentic traditions in favour of the actions of Medina

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Do we know why we love our parents? No? But we can see they care for us

In Sura Rum it mentions Muwadah which is a pleasant relationship

Edam is a sauce in the Shammai it is translated as curry

There is no language where love isn't not used

Any marriage built on the illusion of love will break

Marriage is an institution for the blind

Few experience real love which is means to shed blood

Ali stopped fighting the battle of the camel because he wanted to protect the blood of his sons

He could have continued

The wealthy and the poor will be put into the grave

It doesn't make any difference

What matters is the answers to the questions

Muslims do not appreciate the blessing of Islam

People who enter Islam appreciate the religion

Would you be ready to sacrifice all your money?

Abu Bakr said, "If he said so it is the truth."

Why do we love him?

1. Outward form

2. Wisdom, virtue and good character

3. Beauty

People love those who benefit them

No one has benefited us like he did

Anytime of the day the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) is praying for you

What signs of love do we show? We follow him

There are students who love their teachers and model themselves on their teachers

Why do you rush your prayer? Stay for the Sunna

Blind following in faith is not accepted but you can blindly follow him - without proof

Ibn Umar make his mount go in a circle in an area that the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) did

Sheikh Ibrahim did not walk in a street that the houses were usurped by the government

He did it – we do it – we do not need to ask questions

If you repeat blessings upon him then you will see him in your dreams

The tree that yearned for him had a certain type of live

He was just three steps away from the tree

The more you come to him the more Allah loves you

There is no extremity in loving him

This is the ultimate goal

Go home and develop his Sunna

Increase your practice

Follow his example

If anyone sees me in the gathering (mashar) on the day of judgement. Please take my hand